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Thinking Out Loud

By H. M. L.

It is quite true, we Americans can "take it." But while we can face the bad news as it comes, none of us relish an overdose of pessimism. Our outlook is optimistic and sound sense makes most of us optimists. It was not to be expected that we would accomplish in a matter of months what Germany took eight years to do, or what the Japs have been doing over a decade. But we are catching up. In the meantime we are handicapped and most of the news of the war fronts is bad. The fault belongs to all of us. It is a national weakness.

All of the United Nations associates, or allies, are losing battles except the Russians. We surmise that when Russia begins to lose some battles this spring, the rest of us, the Dutch, the Chinese, the United States and Great Britain, will begin to win on their fronts. We refrain from forecasting. Too many commentators are doing that, and some of the prephecies seem to us little better than dog house oracles. Still we have a very definite impression that the Huns are still strong and once the spring thaws are over will begin pouring it on to the Russians. Hitler cannot afford now, if he ever could, to leave a great unbeaten Russian army on his flank while he pursues other objectives in the Mediterranean and the Near East. He will continue to battle the Russians and he will probably try to seize the Suez canal and the oil fields of Iraq, Iran and the Caucases. We are convinced that these constitute just too big an order for Hitler and his hordes to fill.

In another three months, even measured at the production rate of January, we shall have a great many war planes in the East Indies. Some of these, the big bombers, may be sent to landing fields within easy striking distance of Japan. If the tide of war in the Pacific, is not turning now, we think it will begin to turn along in May and June. very decisevely. We have long been convinced that the Japs, as modern war is gauged have been making war on a shoe string so far as material and industrial resources are concerned. We do not mean to depreciate the Jap conquests, their smartness, their desperate courage, nor enormous conceit and ambition. But the process of atrition has already begun to tell against them. They can afford perhaps to lose some hundreds of thousands of soldiers, but we doubt if their reserves of planes, troop carriers and war ships, can be replaced nearly as fast as they are losing them. When U. S. planes begin to bespangle the skies over their vastly extended lines, the story is going to have a different ending than they have imagined.

Thus, it is that we shall see, about the time Hitler is beginning to sweep back the Russian legions again in the spring, that we shall begin to deflate the Japanese afflatus. Furthermore the Russians, the British, the Chinese and the Dutch will be using an ever growing number of our planes and tanks. It is also a certainty that our expeditionary forces will begin to make their weight felt where most needed on the world fronts. Incidentally a great many of our young men are going to receive practical lessons in geography. This study is broadening. This country will benefit from their experience on their return when the war is done.

The most depressing news of the present, is the confusion in Washington, D. C., the retention of proved incompetents in high places, the labor bickerings resulting from a vacilating and hesitant policy on the part of the President, the prodigal expenditure of money in such a vast hurry that many firms, whether they would or not, are reaping tremendous profits, the incapacity of some of our military and naval leaders to realize the preponderate importance of planes and more planes, and, the loss of shipping in the Caribbean and along the Atlantic coast. This last, indicates that our navy is inadequate for the task it is called upon to do. But the confusion in the nation's capitol is due to nothing but the diliatory policies the president has long pursued. He prizes loyalty of family, friends and political retainers above competence in the discharge of governmental duties and functions. It is a trait of character that is costing this country dearly, whether in peace or war.

Priority Outlook For Gold Mining Industry Surveyed By Writer

A Central Press newspaperman came to this area to find out what the gold mining industry was going to do during the war. Following are his impressions:

How will the fabulously wealthy Mother Lode gold producing region of California fare under wartime restrictions? That question is on everyone's tongue here in Nevada County, the mountain boom district in the heart of the historic Sierra Nevada mining country The answer to that question can mean business survival, or failure, to thousands of Californians. It spells the difference between poverty and good living for hundreds of merchants, professional men and stockholders.

The gold mines use critical materials, plenty of them, in their operations. Because the United States has an obvious abundance of gold on hand at Fort Knox, Ky., mining men here predict that the priority situation will steadily become worse as the war continues.

Expect Normal Output

Since there is sufficient gold on hand both to protect the American financial system and conduct all forseeable trade, it is urged in some quarters that restrictions be placed on gold mining.

Operators believe, however, that the same policy will develop in America regarding gold as in the Rand of South Africa, where production has been maintained at ordinary levels, but no new developments have been permitted.

Miners in the Mother Lode area declare that priorities rulings will force a similar situation to occur here. At present such items as dynamite, powder, caps, cyanide, other acids and solvents, diamond drills, filters and machinery are on the critical lists.

Need Critical Metals

Moreover, all stocks of dynamite and percussion caps are now sold only under federal licensing provisions. It is understood those mining enterprises in strategic materials will be favored over the gold men.

Executives of the larger gold operations point out that mining machinery can not be readily converted to defense uses, and that the relatively small labor supply tied up in the business is not particularly adapted to shifting to a wartime skilled trade.

Some decline in production is inevitable, they state. But the large mining companies have a backlog of supplies and equipment that will permit normal activities to continue for some time to come, in many cases well beyond a year.

Keep Dredges Busy

According to E. L. Oliver, president of the Idaho-Maryland Mines corporation, one of the biggest producers in the world, his company has sufficient steel on hand to permit extension of several tunnels and important shaft work.

Similar preparedness is reported by the Empire North Star mine and the Argonaut and Kennedy in Jackson, Amador county.

The gold dredging companies face a different problem, on the other hand. They have received no priority rights on steel during 1941. As a result, there has been no new equipment put into action. But both the Natomas company and the Yuba Consolidated Goldfields, have been purchasing used equipment for repairs to maintain production.

Gold Boom Since '33

The Natomas company operates a fleet of seven gigantic floating dredges, as big as small freighters, in the foothills between the Mother Lode proper and the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys. The Yuba company has 12 dredges working on the same type of ground.

According to reports here the outlook for continued dredging operations may be better than for the hardrock mining. In the first there is very little labor required for this sort of mining. Secondly, no strategic materials are required, such as explosives.

Statistics from the state bureau of mines show that California has virtually experienced another gold rush since the revalution of this metal by the treasury in 1933. Production has increased steadily to the peak year of 1941, with marginal mines that had slept for half a century suddenly awakening to life. More gold was sold the United States mint, on the average, than during the

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"No Strike" AFL President States

Homer Owens, president of the Grass Valley Gold Miners Union, an affiliate of the American Federation of Labor, has informed The Nugget no strike, effective March 1st, was voted by the AFL at its meeting last Friday night, contrary to reports receiver from other sources.

Owens said the matter was not even discussed at last Friday night's meeting and that the special called meeting was purely for organizational purposes.

Jesse Johnson, secretary of the AFL union, said:

"No strike vote will be taken unless necessary and if and when we do every one will know about it."

LICENSING AGENT FOR EXPLOSIVES USED IN NEV. CO.

CAMPTONVILLE, Feb. 26—Judge Acton M. Cleveland has been commissioned by the Department of the Interior as Explosive Licensing Agent to serve in Yuba, Sierra and Nevada Counties under the authority of Section 18, of the Act of December 26, 1941, No. 381 of the 77th Congress.

This act makes it unlawful for a person to possess, buy, sell, or use any form of explosives without first obtaining a license. This is a war time measure for the duration and carries a heavy penalty for the violation thereof. Applications for these licenses are carefully investigated before the license is issued, and these licenses have nothing to do with other licenses required by state law or by the forest service of the Department of Agriculture. The explosive license is given for a period of one year and the filing fee for same is 25 cents.

Judge Cleveland is now prepared to accept applications, the first one being made Tuesday by Richard R. Pfiffer, local mining man. The explosive licensing agent is required to be a person authorized to administer oaths.

NEW MILK PRICE EFFECTIVE SOON

A new price for milk in this area has been announced by the State Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Markets. The new prices, which means a one cent raise per quart of milk for retail trade, are as follows:

Retail: (4 per cent milk fat) half gallons, 27 cents; quarts 14½ cents and pints 8½ cents. (4.5 per cent milk fat) half gallons, 28 cents; quarts, 15 cents and pints 8½ cents.

Wholesale: Ten gallons or more, bulk, per gallon, 38 cents. Five and less than ten gallons, 38½ cents. One gallon and less than five gallons, 39 cents.

RESIDENT OF LIMA, PERU, ARRIVES HERE FOR VISIT

Mrs. Eva McKnight of Lima, Peru, arrived in Nevada City Monday for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. La Marr Fleming of Boulder Street. Mrs. McKnight formerly resided in Nevada City.

NEXT SELECTEE GROUP NAMED

The names of those who will leave Nevada County on the next Selective Service call were released today by Merle Morrison, clerk of the Nevada County Selective Service Board.

They are: Anthony Caruso Casci, Joseph Lambaye, Everett Elmer Wilkie, Donald George Stevens, Ernest Eric Beckerleg, Joseph Beverly Barry, Thomas George Marks, Mathem Leo Lampi and Francis Robert Plamondon.

MIDNIGHT MINE SUSPENDS WORK

Operations at the Midnight Mine here were suspended this week for he "duration of the war."

Lawrence Smith of this city, superintendent, said when the mine is reopened, a shaft will be sunk to eliminate the necessity of operating through the tunnel.

The mine had been operated by the Harold Club Company of Reno. The Midnight had been the only operating mine within the city limit of Nevada City.

MORE DONATIONT TO RED CROSS

The following contributions have been made toward the revised Red Cross quota of $2600 assigned to Nevada City:

$25 each—Rotary Club, a friend, anonymous, donation.

$4—John Webster.

$3 each—Mrs. Baxter and Mrs. Betty Martin West:

$2.50—Ponema Council.

$2—John Richards.

$1 each—Mrs. J. E. Clennon, F. Garrison, Miss Gertrude Goyne, H. M. Leete, C. F. Parsons, Miss Alice Moore.

Total—$120.50.

NEVADA CITY STUDENTS IN PLAY AT AUBURN

Mary McCarthy and Neal Ivie, both of Nevada City, will appear in the Placer Junior College Drama Guild's production of "Susan and God." The play will be presented in Auburn on March 27 in the Placer auditorium.

"Susan and God" is a sophisticated and fast moving three act comedy by Rachel Crothers. When Susan Trexel becomes interested in religion, she decides not only to reform herself, but also her friends. At first Susan's efforts are greeted with amusement, but resentment soon follows as her meddling increases.

Miss McCarthy will portray Leonora Stubbs, while Ivie will play her husband, Hutchins. Leonora and Hutchins, a recently married couple are among Susan's experiments.

Both Miss McCarthy and Ivie were members of the "Pygmalion" cast. Miss McCarthy played a maid, while Ivie portrayed one of the leading roles, Mr. Doolittle.

"Susan and God" will be the guild's twelfth major production. The proceeds from the play will be used to finance the group's trip to Pasadena in April for the annual one act play tournament.

ESTHER MOURER HELD TO ANSWER TO HIGH COURT

Mrs. Esther Mourer, 37, who worked at the Miners Hospital here under the name of Esther Kelly, was bound over to the superior court here yesterday afternoon on a charge of unlawful possession of narcotics, which she is alleged to have stolen from the supply at the hospital in which she was employed.

The preliminary hearing was conducted before Justice of the Peace George Gildersleeve. Mrs. Mourer was in court without an attorney. She is held in the county jail here, being unable to furnish $1,000 bail.

The nurse is accused of stealing 3500 narcotic tablets. She told officers she used the tablets, morphine and codine, for her own use.

Mrs. Mourer is now to be arraigned in the superior court. She has indicated she will plead guilty.

Visits Mother Here—

Miss Marian Mohr of the bay area visited during the weekend here with her mother, Mrs. Ernest Mohr.

Raid Protection Training Offered Local Women

The housewives of Nevada County will have an opportunity in the immediate future to receive training in Aid Raid Protection, if the plans of the Nevada County Defense Council are successful.

The American Women's Voluntary Services, a nationwide organization has offered to come to Nevada County and give a course covering Air Raid Protection, Chemical Agents (gases), Civilian Defense, and kindred subjects. This course in no way conflicts with present first aid or other courses.

The courses to be given the women of the county were developed by the Chemical Warfare Service of the United States Army. This branch of the service trained the teachers who will give the courses here.

It is felt that in case of an air raid the women will be the ones left to look after the safety of the homes as all able bodied men will be called away for defense duties. It is therefore important that all women of the county take the course, which is comparable to that given by the federal Bureau of Investigation to enforcement officers and to other male defense workers.

All women in this area are asked to call immediately at the city hall and sign up. There is no expense entailed. As soon as the registration is completed the time and place will be set and teaching begin.

RURAL TEACHERS WILL ENCOURAGE VICTORY GARDENS

The Rural Teachers Club held a meeting in the National Hotel of Nevada City last Thursday evening. After dinner the group met together in the upstairs lobby for talks and discussions.

Mrs. Stanton, the Home Supervisor of the Farm Security Administration, pointed out the necessity for more personal gardening this coming summer. This is made necessary in view of the war situation and the removal of great numbers of Japanese gardeners from this state. This will make it possible to release greater amounts of garden produce for our allies. She stressed the advisability of making a plan for home gardens and not being led away by over enthusiasm, but keeping within the possible. Early spring plans often go astray as the warm spring days make gardening a real task. It is better to have a small garden well tended than a large one growing up to weeds.

Committee reports: After investigating the Washington National Insurance Company, which has offered excellent plans for group insurance, the committee reports that it finds this company highly recommended. In view of these reports the group decided to invite Mr. Knoblock to return and make further plans for installing this form of insurance.

Mr. Carlson reported that the rural teachers were enrolled 100 per cent in the California Teachers Association.

Mrs. Mosher made further reports on the coming poster contest and urged full participation by all schools.

Miss Loucks reported that tuberculin tests will be given on March 2 and since this service is to be free, she requested that the information be passed on to all parents so that they may avail themselves of this opportunity if they so desire.

RETURN FROM HONEYMOON

Mr. and Mrs. John Ottosen, who enjoyed a honeymoon in Southern California after their recent marriage in Reno, Nev., have returned to Nevada City to make their home. The bride is the former Elizabeth Brisebill, secretary to District Attorney Vernon Stoll. She has resumed her duties in the district attorney's office here.

and elsewhere in the state are told they must return to Grass Valley to join the AFL union there before their application for work can even be considered. Most Americans thought that kind of union racketeering had stopped in the united effort to win the war but apparently that was just wishful thinking.

Caught in the Riffles

It must have been embarrassing for an inmate of the Nevada County Jail Tuesday when his wife and his "girl friend" both visited him at the same time. Sheriff's office attaches report quite a heated argument but no hair pulling occurred. The "girl friend" was upstairs talking to the prisoner when the wife arrived at the sheriff's office. When informed of her rival's presence with her husband, the wife lost no time in scampering up the stairs to defend her rights (P. S. The charge against the husband was dismissed and when he walked out of the jail he was accompanied by his wife.)

Riffles: A Mine Workers Protective League spokesman says not to shrug aside as a rumor the AFL strike threat although the AFL union's president and secretary both deny that such action is contemplated.

J. D. Rafftrey has not received any news from his father since the island in the Philippine group on which the elder Rafferty was stationed has been taken by the Japanese. Rafferty is so fighting mad he is doing everything possible to get into the armed forces despite the fact he has a wife and two small children.

If Marysville thought it was going to operate "wide open" during the army cantonment construction period and after the soldiers arrived, it has another thought coming. Already the lid on "commercial" prostitution has clamped down in the hub city.

The spur track for the cantonment is now being constructed and in a few weeks actual construction of the buildings will start, so a Marysville businessman in Nevada City yesterday informed us.

The reason we are positive Robert Nye will not seek reelection for city council is that he has secured a three months leave of absence from the council.

Chief of Police Max Solaro has received a letter from the Jehovah Witnesses complaining against treatment accorded their Watchtower solicitors on Nevada City streets. Solaro has filed the letter among his souvenirs.

Nevada City's water supply is to undergo a thorough test to determine whether the water was responsible for the illness which has hospitalized Mrs. L. G. Lageson and son, Gordon.

It is the belief of the husband and father that the illness was caused by the water and he is taking steps to determine whether that is correct.

Mrs. Lageson and Gordon are in Sutter Hospital in Sacramento.

The city council better "hire a hall" for its meeting March 5th. The way things are lining up the council chambers will not be large enough to hold the delegation appearing before the body on one matter or another.

One of the largest delegations will be composed of local residents who do not like the abolishing of the position of Tom White, street cleaner.

The chamber of commerce will have a large delegation present to get the council's cooperaton on its cantonment program.

One of the boasted advantages of the AFL Gold Miners Union in Grass Valley is the supposedly nationwide connections but it appears a card in the Grass Valley local doesn't amount to a "pinch of salt" where members seek employment elsewhere in mining and tunnel work.

It is our understanding AFL officials are on the "spot" to explain why a Gold Miners Union card is not recognized by AFL unions on such jobs as Shasta Dam and other projects where miners are employed.

And while we are on the subject we hear that men from this area seeking work on AFL dominated defense jobs in the bay area

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THE COUNTRY MUST COME FIRST

"Conversion of government" is the title of a vigorous and telling editorial in the Washington Post that has jarred the capitol.

"The Post submits," the editorial says in part, "that if there is any one industry in this country which needs conversion to a wartime basis it is our government.

"The government stopped the automobile industry to convert it to a wartime armament program. All over the country thousands of men, the dealers, are without a livelihood. There was no mass protest about this from the automobile dealers. They took it without a whimper like good soldiers. The country comes first.

"Now take a look at government. Half the parasites in Washington are coordinators and fancy titled people in screwball jobs, doing their best to think of something to start that will outstrip another department doing the same thing. This does not sound like war-like operations. The people who desperately want to save our country are not complacent about it either."

Californians, in the front line on the most dangerous front of the continent, can hardly be complacent either when they read that the WPA is receiving allotments in million-dollar sizes for improvements in streets and alleys of cities whose need NOW is for defense planes and anti-aircraft guns. Nor can they be complacent at news that a dubious inland waterway project rejected by the U. S. Senate eight years ago, the old St. Lawrence river project has been revived in the present Congress in a bill calling for construction, enormously costly in money and materials, which will require five years to complete—and received under the cloak of the national defense emergency.

The people, as the Post asserts, "are going to be paying half their income in taxes, they are going to see their sons marching away in increasing numbers. But they are not going to stand for cockeyed social reformers and professional project planners wasting materials and money when American soldiers are fighting without airplanes."

FATE OF A NATION THAT LOST

A new financial crisis confronts the unhappy people of France this week, as a result of the enormous money exactions by rapacious Nazi conquerors for "upkeep" of the German army of occupation.

From the fall of France until last May, the French were forced to pay the staggering sum of $12,000,000 a day. At that time—probably to prevent utter collapse of the victim—Hitler granted a reduction of the tribute to $9.000,000 a day.

Trade gone, business stagnant, population hopeless—France undergoes the humilitation and desperate hardship of draining the financial lifeblood from her veins as booty for the invaders who sit in her house.

One shuddering thought of such a fate for America—

The wise man prepares

for the inevitable by arranging for the hour when his family must face the future without him. He makes his will, planning for distribution of whatever he possesses to those he loves. Let us advise you regarding dispositions which may be made now so that the burden and shock of that inevitable day may be lessened for your family.

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RIGHT IN ITS PATH

thought of a hog-jowled Goering and grinning Jap generals profaning this land with armies of occupation and levying tribute on the business and family budgets of the American people—should be enough to send any American hurrying to buy his limit in defense bonds, and resolved to welcome every tax sacrifice and every other personal sacrifice that may be necessary to final and complete crushing of the Axis world menace.

DEMOCRACY IS MORE THAN FORM OF GOVERNMENT

By RALPH H. TAYLOR

Now that we are at war to protect our democracy from ruthless foreign enemies which would destroy it; now that American boys are offering up their lives in defense of our liberties; now that we are all preparing to sweat and sacrifice to pay for the costliest and probably the bloodiest war in our national history—perhaps it is time to examine into our stewardship as citizens of the world's greatest democracy and face the fact that we have been sadly delelict in recent years in defending our American way of life from attack here at home!

If confession is good for the soul, then we, the American people, should get down on our knees and confess that we have been but poor guardians of our democracy for years past. For we have had so little faith in the system we live by that we have permitted ambitious political overlords, radical crackpots, and crafty enemies within our gates to half-convince us that our American system of private enterprise, the cornerstone of our democracy, is out-moded and ready to be tossed into the junkyard

The saboteurs whose practice it is to "divide and destroy" have been hard at work in our America. And to our shame it must be admitted that they found fertile ground in which to operate. But America now, under the shocking impact of war, is coming awake and it is time to make honest, fearless appraisal of how far we have drifted from the standards of sound Americanism.

Grove Patterson, editor of the Toledo Blade and one of America's great publishers, summed up the case brilliantly in a recent address on "Newspapers in A Democracy". And because the freedom of the press is one of our great fundamental freedoms—a freedom which has come under covert attack with increasing freqnency in recent years—we believe some of Mr. Patterson's remarks are worthy of careful consideration.

Said Editor Patterson:

"Newspapers and all enterprise face a common enemy. There is a school of thought in this country which has won a good many millions of adherents in late years. This school holds that the social and economic system, under which we grew great, is now worn out, that a new era is upon us, that men and businesses must be hedged about with regulations and edicts and verboten signs. This school teaches that in order to perpetuate this nation, men and businesses must be made subservient to an all-powerful bureaucracy which will tell them what to do, how to do it, and when to do it. This bureaucracy will regulate, if it has its ultimate way, everything from the color of your tootbrush handle to what products and how much of them a company may manufacture.

"Now the people who are the leaders of this school of thought do not openly declare their intentions so that the man in the street fully understands their objectives. These bureaucratic people know perfectly well that the only way in which you can regiment a nation is first to regiment its mind. They have already persuaded a lot of people that our system of free enterprise and competitive business and unlimited opportunity for the individual just can't be made to work. These bureaucratic bosses are trying to plant the seeds of suspicion and distrust in the minds of newspaper readers, so that if and when the time comes, they will be justified in taking over and destroying, either by regimentation or economic pressure, free newspapers, and, after that, the free enterprise which the newspapers protects."

And then Editor Patterson, calling for a vigilant, awakened America—constantly alert to repulse attacks on its fundamental liberties—said:

"Democracy is immseasurably more than a form of government. Democracy is a spirit. Democracy provides an atmosphere in which man can be somebody and go somewhere under his own power. We think of it as a great inheritance which can be eternally preserved without continuing individual effort. We think of it as a gift fully as much as we think of it as a responsibility. But I say that if a man is to continue to breathe in the atmosphere which democracy provides, if under its provisions he is to continue to express himself in meaningful terms of utility and beauty, he must come to regard it as a continuing, cooperative effort in human society. In short, we must put into the field of demoin sacfirice and devotion, as much as he takes out in privilege."

Editor Patterson is one hundred per cent right. And it's time for each and every one of us to give a better account of ourselves as citizens. It would be tragic, indeed, if we won our war abroad and lost our liberty at home.

No Shortage Of Sugar For Canning

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 26. — There will be no shorage of sugar for home canning next summer.

This assurance, which will be welcomed by California housewives, was received today from Washington by Frank W Clark, vice chairman of the California State Council of Defense.

Clark said that he had been advisited by A. E. Bowman chief of the sugar section of the War Production Board, that housewives should not buy sugar for summer canning needs at this time, as there is no indication that there will be any shortage for this purpose.

"These eggs aren't fresh."
"Why, lady they came in from the country just this morning."
"Yes, but what country?"

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EdwardThomas Mulcahy, employee of the Nevada Irrigation District and son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mulcahy of Alta Hill, has been accepted for military service by the United States Marines.

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Second Bonanza Over

Among the most prosperous and free spending communities in the west, per capita, have been Grass Valley, Nevada City, Placerville (Old Hangtown), Jackson and Angels Camp, all located in the land of Mark Twain and Bret Harte, and the "Outlaws of Poker Flat."

Now, with the arrival of World war II, the second bonanza is over.

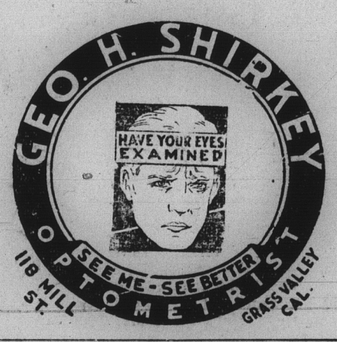
Small quartz operators and considerable labor have been moving to other territory where mining of streatgic metals is being undertaken. The copper mines of northern California are reopening. New production of quicksilver has started in Nevada and Idaho. Manganese and chrome lure prospectors and promoters to new localities.

Visitors From Detroit—

Harold G. Chase, Mrs. Chase and their son, Robert, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Osborne of Town Talk. Mr. Chase is Mrs. Osborne's brother. He is superintendent of an auto plant in Detroit, and is enjoying a vacation while the plant is converted to war industrial purposes. With the Osborne's the visitors toured the Redwood Highway while here. They left yesterday for a trip to Mexico City by way of Los Angeles.

Spends Weekend With Sofges—

Roy Nelson of Oakland spent the weekend visiting here at the Mr. and Mrs H. F. Sofge home.



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TRUCKEE CIVILIAN DEFENSE GROUP IS VERY ACTIVE

Sheriff Carl Tobiassen, Deputy Sheriff Clarence Williams and County Defense Coordinator C. K Heffren were in Truckee last Tuesday night to institute the Truckee branch of the Nevada County Rifle Patrol. Deputy Sheriff N. F. Dolley will be in charge of the patrol there.

Since "Pearl Harbor" 501 Defense Bonds have been sold in Truckee with total receipts of $60,620.85, C. B. White, bond sales chairman, announced.

There are two standard Red Cross first aid classes in progress in Truckee with a total enrollment of 57. Beginning February 23 there will be course for advanced card holders to qualify for instructor's certificates.

A meeting of committee chairmen in Truckee under the Nevada City Civilian Defense Council has been called for the afternoon of February 25 by F. W. Gaiennie, district chairman. County Coordinator C. K. Heffren will attend.

NEVADA CITY FIVE LOSES TO G. V. TEAM

The Nevada City High School Yellowjacket A basketball team gave the Grass Valley Miners a good scare last night but finally fell before the more powerful offensive thrust of the neighboring hoop five and lost the county basketball championship by a score of 43 to 31. The game was played at the Grass Valley school's gymnasium.

The local B squad lost to the Miner B five by a 43 to 28 score.

The Yellowjacket A team gave the Miners a good fight and the large crowd which attended the game complimented both teams for their fine playing.

SUNSHINE CIRCLE MEETING

The Sunshine Circle of the Women's Society of Christian Service will hold its regular monthly meeting next Wednesday at the Methodist Church.

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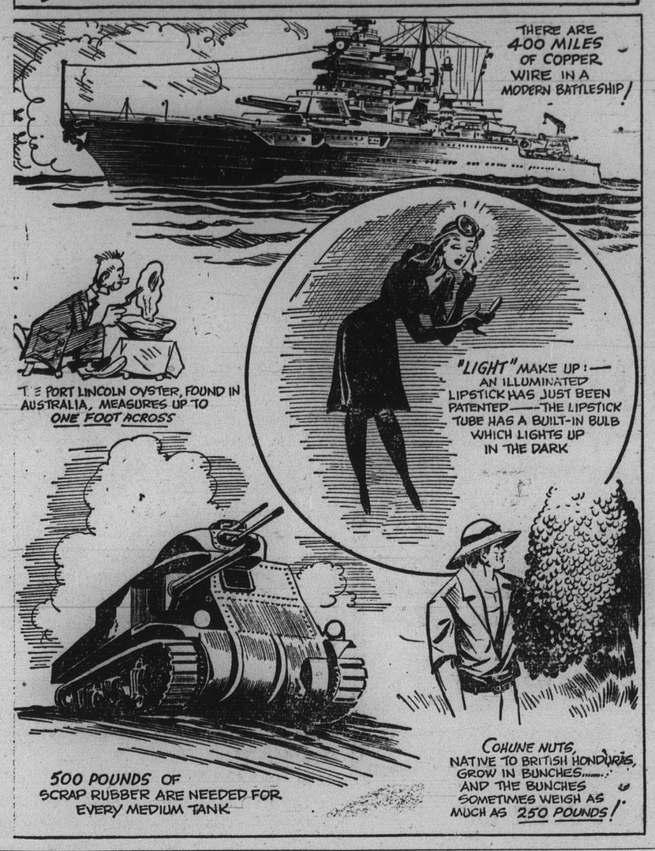
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I wonder if we'll learn to walk
Where we were wont to ride,
Across the hills, beyond the town
And by the flowing tide
And find in simple, usual things
Rare pleasures quite unknown to kings.

I wonder if the scarcity of rubber tires and tubes will prove to be a blessing in disguise. It will put many of us back on our feet and that can harm no one, either physically or mentally.

The man who is walking, will find it easy to get up on his toes and that is where we all should be, now that the Pacific has become an arena of battle.

Yes, I do believe that the renaiscance of walking will provide excellent medicine for us all. Walking is the mast natural and healthful of all exercises and now that it has become a patriotic duty, one may enjoy its many advantages without fear of attracting the quizzical glances of auto driving friends and ecquaintances. So, chins up, chests expanded, let's walk.

I wonder if my anti-rumor campaign is going to be a success. No one has written in, to promise aid and yesterday, I heard two perfectly harmful rumors, which would have given Schicklegruber much joy—that is if he is capable of feeling so natural and decent an emotion as joy. Every false and pernicious rumor is dangerous at this time. How many of them can we manage to kill. A few months ago we were hearing much about war mongering and were greatly disturbed thereby, now a season of rumor mongering seems to have set in and it becomes the duty of each patriotic soul to circumvent this vicious gossip and by so doing make it ineffective and useless to our ennemies.

I wonder if the denizens of tin pan alley, will turn out a flock of songs, each one beginning with the line, "Gone are the days." The subject is practically inexhaustible. Gone are the days when Isolation was the theme song and appeasement a shining hope. Gone are the days when the name Pacific meant peaceful, oceans were insuperable barriers and fortresses impregnable. Gone are the days when gentle frinnds smiled and assured us that, "all's well with the world." Gone are the days of Hitler's rising star and Mussolini's dreams of empire. Gone are the days of false security, smug complacency. Gone the summer of our calm content. The moon of our delight is swathed in the clouds of war, smooth pathways have grown rough and we are faced with momentous decisions which must be made speedily. Those who must bear the greater burdens of the war, which none of us desired, those who do the actual fighting must be stern and rough, ruggedness of fiber must be a part of our daily lives until victory is ours and the evil forces we are called upon to face are utterly and forever destroyed.

Uncle Silas says: "Mussolini's chin hasen't changed its shape—it is still prognathous; but he is down at the mouth now and that makes his chin appear to recede."—A. Merriam Conner.

Local Epworth League Will Hold Potluck Supper Monday Night

The Methodist Church Epworth League members will hold a potluck supper at 6:30 o'clock Monday night at the social hall of the church.

A social hour will follow the potluck supper and business session of the league.

Phil Angove, president of the league, will preside at the business session.

VOLUNTEERS

Fred C Garrison of this city, secretary of the Rotary Club and active in many local fraternal and civic organizations, has volunteered his services with the Nevada County Selective Service Board No. 22. This was announced today by Merle Morrison, clerk of the board.

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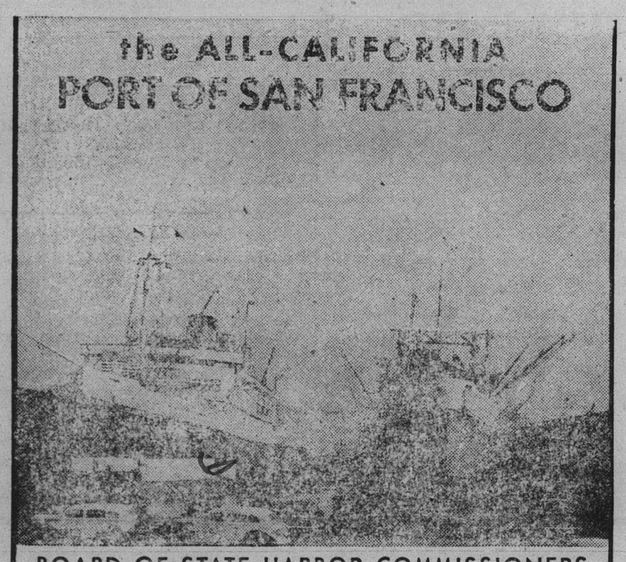

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Church Notes

—Catholic Church

Two masses will be celebrated Sunday at the St. Canice Catholic Church. The first mass will be at 8 8. a. m. and the second at 10:30 a. m. Father Patrick O'Reilly and Father Edward Williams will conduct the services.

—Methodist Church

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching service at 11 a. m. Organ prelude, Miss Barbara Warren. Anthem, Choir. Sermon "The Great Love of God," pastor. Closing hymn, prayer and benediction, doxology.

The Epworth League meeting at 6 p. m. Echoes from the institute at Reedley by several of our Leaguers. Preaching service at 7 p. m. Song service for ten minutes. Special musical numbers. Sermon "My Shield and My Glory," Rev. David Ralston.

Week events—Bible study and prayer hour Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. The official board meeting at the close of the prayer hour. All members are asked to be present. Choir practice Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Come and help in the Easter music. Young People's prayer hour at 7:30 p. m.

—Christian Science Society

The Christian Science Society in Nevada City holds service at 114 Boulder Street every Sunday at 11 a. m. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. A testimnial meeting is held the first Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m. "Christ Jesus" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon Sunday.

The Golden Text will be: "God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus," (Phil. 4:19.)

Other Bible citations will include: "And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch. Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ tell us plainly. Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not; the works that I do in my Father's name they bear witness of me," (John 10. 23-25).

Miss Julia Panelli Honored At Birthday Party Here

Julia Panelli, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julio Panelli, celebrated her 15th birthday Tuesday night. Her mother prepared a dinner for Julia and a group of friends and a fine time was had by all. Julia is a student at the Mt. St. Mary's School in Grass Valley. Her parents operate the Union Hotel here.

For Rent and For Sale Placards on Sale At The Nugget Office.

CITIZENS ARE THANKED FOR R-DAY SERVICES

The following citizens of this county generously volunteered and donated their time to assist in the Third Registration for Selective Service for which the governor of the state and members of the local board No. 22 of Nevada City sincerely extend their appreciation for the valuable assistance of these volunteers.

Nevada City: A. M. Holmes, Geo. E. Prouse, A. C. Presley, Jr., Robert L. Tamblyn, Fred C. Garrison, E. J. Kilroy, J. D. Rafferty, Ida Termine, W. F. Sharp, J. F. Stenger, John J. Fortier.

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Casey's Corner: Thomas Casey, Edith D. Simpson, Edith Prescott, Gertrude Casey.

Soda Springs: G. H. Stiles, Alicia McEvoy, J. O. Jones.

Graniteville: Margaret C. Travis.

North Bloomfield: Mrs. C. E. Clarke.

Washington: Bernadette M. Crowley.

North San Juan: L. W. Wood, Rose M. Wood, E. L. Sonninberg.

Shrine Potentate Will Be Honored Mar. 7 In Marysville January Gasoline

Word has been received that the Marysville Shrine Club will welcome Illustrious Potentate Nathan G. Hale of Ben Ali Temple of Sacramento on Saturday March 7, at 6:30 p. m. in that city.

This meeting is considered to be the "big" event of the year for members located in the Sacramento Valley. It will be a stag dinner.

Members living in this vicinity are asked to notify the potentates representative G. E. Dimmen.

Funeral Held Yesterday In Downieville For Late Cora McCormick

Funeral rites were held in Downieville yesterday afternoon for Mrs. Cora E. McCormick, 71, mother of Undersheriff Stanley McCormick of Sierra County.

Mrs. McCormick died Monday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Beatrice Walker, in Walnut Creek.

The funeral services were under the direction of the Holmes Funeral Home. Burial was in the Downieville Cemetery.

Mrs. McCormick was the widow of Hugh McCormick, well known former Alleghany district mining man.

Peace Officers Will Meet Tomorrow Night

The Nevada-Sierra Peace Officers Association will meet tomorrow night in the Golden Hotel in Grass Valley. President Clarence Main will preside.

Howard C. Bennetts of Grass Valley will be the speaker and he will show several reels of motion pictures on the war.

Secretary H. F. Sofge of this city has sent out notices of the meeting.

SUIT FOR DAMAGES FILED

Lambert Almquist, operator of a sawmill near here, seeks $60 from George Fertig, and D. O. Metzker in a suit filed in the superior court here. The suit is the outgrowth of an accident near here last November 12th. Almquist was handling lumber on one of his trucks and Fertig was operating a truck owned by Metzker.

CHAMBER MEETS TUESDAY

Secretary H. F. Sofge of the local chamber of commerce announces a meeting will be held next Tuesday. The chamber will complete plans for the appearance of a delegation before the city council next Thursday.

College Skiers—

Miss Betty Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Smith, spent the holiday weekend with her parents. As guests she ntertained Miss Jean Pierce of Sacramento and Miss Jean Spurrier of Davis. The latter is a student at Davis Agricultural College and the other two are students in San Jose College. All three girls enjoyed ski sports immensely.

Frank Williams, Nevada City-Grass Valley bus driver, suffered a leg injury in a fall Sunday. Joe Spence is driving the bus on day shift while Williams is recovering.

County Clerk and Auditor R. N. McCormack is attending the county auditors convention being held in Richardson's Springs, near Chico.

Tuberculin Tests Get Under Way In This Area Next Monday

Annual tuberculin tests, sponsored by the Nevada County Tuberculosis Association, will get under way here Monday.

Mrs. Isabel Hefelfinger, Nevada City Unified School District nurse, announces the following schedule has been drawn up for the tests in this area:

Monday—

9 a. m. High School students, elementary students and pre school children. At Elementary School.

7:30 p. m. All adults at Elementary School.

Tuesday—

9 a. m. North San Juan school for all children residing in the ridge area.

Mrs. Hefelfinger pointed out history shows that tuberculosis always flares up in time of warfare and urges every one take advantage of the offer of the Nevada County Tuberculosis Association.

National Forest Fees For Grazing Raised

Grazing fees for livestock grazed on the ranges of the Tahoe National Forest in 1942 have been established and show an increase of 18 per cent for cattle and 19 per cent for sheep over the 1941 rates. Word from Forest Supervisor Guerdon Ellis places the 1942 fee for cattle at 24.7 cents per head, and 6.12 cents for sheep.

According to the information received, grazing fees are based on a correlation of the grazing fee established in 1941, and the average market price received by stockmen in the eleven western states during the year preceding the grazing period concerned. Since higher prices were paid for stock in 1941, the grazing fee for 1942 has been increased in conformity with the established policy.

Nevada : : Theatre

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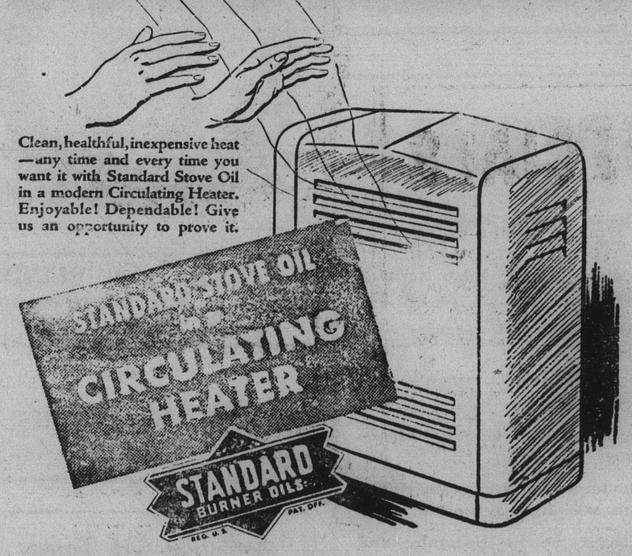

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